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 SUBJECT: ~~PROPOSED TRAVEL OF SENATE STAFF MEMBER TO~~
~~KHMER ROUGE CAMP~~

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1. CONFIDENTIAL--ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE LONG STANDING U.S. POLICY OF HAVING NO USG CONTACT WITH KHMER ROUGE REPRESENTATIVES HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN INTERPRETED TO INCLUDE VISITS TO THE CAMBODIAN BORDER CAMPS UNDER KHMER ROUGE ADMINISTRATION. REFTEL WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON THE PROPOSED TRAVEL LAST SUMMER TO ONE OF THESE CAMPS BY GARNER CLINE, THE RETIRED STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

3. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT SENATOR HATFIELD'S STAFFER JAMES TOWEY INTENDS TO VISIT SITE EIGHT, THE LARGEST KHMER ROUGE BORDER CAMP, ON APRIL 30. EMBOFF EXPLAINED TO MR. TOWEY THAT IT WAS CONTRARY TO LONG-ESTABLISHED POLICY FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO VISIT THE CAMP, AND ADVISED HIM NOT TO GO, TO NO AVAIL THUS FAR. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL FOR THE CLINE CASE, IF MR. TOWEY CONTINUES TO INSIST ON VISITING SITE EIGHT, WE INTEND TO REFRAIN FROM PROVIDING ANY MISSION ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING CAMP PASSES, TRANSPORTATION, OR A USG/JVA ESCORT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER ACTION WE SHOULD TAKE OR ANY GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC INQUIRIES DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN REFTEL. WINDER
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